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SUBJECT: COMITE 4, DEC. 4: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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1. MORNING DEBATE DOMINATED BY DISCUSSION OF FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS). ON BEHALF OF 16 LA COSPONSORS, VENEZUELAN DELEGATE (DIAZ GONZALEZ) INTRODUCED RESOLUTION WITH LENGTHY DISSERTATION. HE STRESSED ARGENTINA'S HISTORICAL CLAIM TO TERRITORY, UK'S OCCUPATION OF IT BY FORCE AND CONSISTENT US AND LA OPPOSITION, SINCE PROCLAMATION OF MONROE DOCTRINE, TO TRANSFER OF TERRITORY IN THE HEMISPHERE BY FORCE. IN ASIDE, DIAZ GONZALEZ NOTED THAT UK OCCUPATION OF GIBRALTAR ALSO UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT, LIKE POPULATION OF FALKLAND ISLANDS, CONCEPT OF "GIBRALTARIANS" AS DISTINCT POPULATION IS "FICTITIOUS". SUPPORT WAS GIVEN TO VENEZUELAN PRESENTATION BY REPS OF PERU, ECUADOR AND, NATURALLY ARGENTINA.

2. JAMIESON (UK) REPLIED THAT VENEZUELA APPARENTLY WAS PROCLAIMING THAT PRINCIPLES OF "SELF-DETERMINATION DO NOT APPLY WHERE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS EXIST." PROBLEM OF FALKLANDS IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SELF-DETERMINATION NOT SOVEREIGNTY. HMG REGARDS THAT PROGRESS

IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ARGENTINA HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE; TALKS
WILL CONTINUE.

3. REPS OF ARGENTINA, SPAIN, VENEZUELA AND SUDAN THEN
DEFENDED ARGENTINA'S CASE ANEW. EXERCISING RIGHT OF REPLY
TO FAVORABLE ARGENTINE REFERENCE TO PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES,
PORTUGAL (DA COSTA LOBO) WENT ON RECORD TO SAY THAT, DESPITE
CLAIMS OF OTHERS, THERE WAS NO RESETTLEMENT PLAN ENVISAGED
AT CABORA BASSA IN MOZAMBIQUE. END UNCLASSIFIED

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4. COMMENT: PRIOR TO DEBATE, ARGENTINA PERM REP ORTIZ DE
ROSAS APPROACHED MISOFF AND SAID HE HOPED US WOULD SUPPORT
RES. MISOFF EXPLAINED THAT US WOULD ABSTAIN, AS HAD BEEN
EXPLAINED TO FONMIN IN ARGENTINA. ORTIZ DE ROZAS THEN
COUNSELED, "THE FONMIN WILL REMEMBER THAT WHEN YOU ASK HIM
FOR SUPPORT ON ANOTHER ISSUE IN THE FUTURE AND WILL GIVE YOU
THE SAME RESPONSE." MISOFF BELIEVES THAT FOREGOING WAS
OFFERED NOT AS A THREAT IDLE OR OTHERWISE BUT RATHER AS
ADVICE FROM A FRIEND. END COMMENT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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